The Future Belongs to Those Who Make It . . .

Let Us Join Hands to Make Apppmattox Strong

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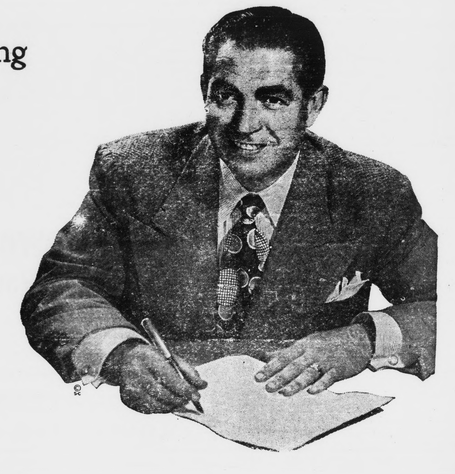

Ever so often it is well, we think, to sit down around the family circle and talk "cold turkey." We are tempted to forget and pass up these "family chats." It is so easy to get into the swim of events and just never get around to a bit of taking inventory.

But man is so made that he readily admits that sound thinking is something that he has just put off . . . not something he has forgotten.

And so it is that we feel it worthwhile to ask you to spare a few moments to "talk shop" about "Our home town community." You are vital and all-important factor in the home town community." Without YOU we are lost! Let us turn over in our minds a point or two . . . Lots of Money has been invested in Appomattox. Home town business men have gone "all out" to merit your patronage. The investment mounts and when you add it up it makes a great story of how your neighbors and friends have invested to show they appreciate and want your trade.

The cross ties and pulp wood you have to sell . . . the new car or trade-in you have in mind . . . the addition you plan to your home . . . the banking service you are thinking about . . . the need of new equipment . . . a major appliance or farm item . . . if these things are on your mind . . . we invite you to come to Appomattox. Deal and talk with friends—for,so help us, we believe that the future belongs to those who make it . . . and it is our desire and ambition to make "Appomattox a Growing Town!" If it is something for the farmer, something for the home builder, for the workman in the woods, the factory employee . . . whatever it is, we want TO BE WITH YOU!

Let us join hands, and BUILD APPOMATTOX! Before you send that dollar out of town, consider what Appomattox has to offer, and give the businesses at home a chance to serve you . . . not just for the home-town taxes they pay,not just because it is "Cousin Henry," but because WE ARE WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE FUTURE OF A WONDERFUL TOWN IN THE HEART OF A WONDERFUL STATE ON A SOLID ROCK OF A FABULOUS AMERICA! Chances are that the only way, really, you can "Build America" is to build it in your home community! We invite you to join us in "Making Appomattox Strong."

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would seem that one of the requirements of a good newsman would be skill in "pumping" information out of people. Sadly, I have no talents in this and am amazed at how quickly many folk can squeeze detail of personal business of others, without the contributor ever wising up to what it is about. A case of this sort occurred during our recent stay in St. Petersburg, Florida. We holed up for a useful week in a charming beach cottage right on the Gulf of Mexico. Soon as we got moved in and everything unpacked, I settled down on the deck with an afternoon cool. Next door I saw an elderly man just the sort of person whom you are drawn for a conversation. He was from Albany, N. Y., was 71 and retired for nine years. He had brought his daughter and her two children to Florida for the winter. He went along to tell me much his monthly income was, how much property he owned, and what he had set up retirement income. Then, he eased into my business and found out how much we paid as rent for our apartment. He knew how much was paid for each apartment the week before and how much was charged for the other 45 apartments all about us. He knew where each vacationer came from and how long they were going to stay. He had been there only two days, but he knew how much it cost to operate it, and what installments they had to make through to build it up. He also knew what was wanted for a vacant cottage next door, and why it was too big for him. He knew the price tag on every single property in the long block. He knew how the fish were biting at Pass-A-Grille and at Redington Island. He knew the rates on the various fishing. I am not sure that I found out more about my neighbors than I realized. But he was a charming gentleman, and talking with him was a pleasure. I kept thinking what a wonderful reporter he would make! He would know how to get the facts in a hurry, and smoothly.

Letters at several local stores regarding the question that cigarette sales have greatly declined since the public discussion of the possibility of smoking leading to cancer. But they told that what has happened is that there has been a switch to brands with filter tips.

Looking ahead for trouble dept.: This is a Friday, the thirteenth' coming up on August 13.

Deputy Nelson County, the grand jury met in September, 1953 for two robbery cases. Nearly a year later, the grand jury met again. This is the way we have the trial justice courts have helped the circuit courts as they operate in Virginia.

A letter from our old friend, Herbert Miller, at Topping, Va., tells of his fishing down on the Rappahannock River. Anyone desiring to make reservations can phone Herbert at Saluda 8-2112. He is the captain to take you out and many Appomattox folks have been down this year and reported excellent catches. If you like to fish, you can really pull 'em in this year on the Rappahannock. We do not hesitate to recommend Mr. Miller.

Dr. Gallup said that civilization rests on three inches of topsoil. During a drought, it is well to consider all the things you saw years ago washed down the gullies, into the creeks and rivers and going on to the ocean. It is a major reason for drought now. There is nothing to prevent flood over a dustbowl. Famine for days in the Far East starts by seeing a cloud in the sky. That's why a sunset is so different in the "Golden West."

"The world would have seen better days if it was governed all night." —The Owensboro, Ky., Herald.

"A good part of success consists in getting along with people you can't stand of. —Boston Globe.

"The nicest thing about summer is, there's not to do the things you had to do last winter when it was so cold." —P-K Sidelines.

Evidence Shows Radar Is Reducing Speed

Evidence is that radar speed checking on Virginia highways is working to decrease speed on the roads, certainly so far as Appomattox County is concerned.

Radar check on speeds became effective in Virginia July 1. Thus it has had a trial of virtually one month. Prior to the effective date, State Police conducted an educational period of two weeks, with issuance of warnings for violations. But as of July 1, the law has been in full force. After a month's trial, the evidence is that it is safer now to venture out on the highways.

Take yesterday, for example. Wednesday is normally a busy day in the Trial Justice Court of Appomattox County. That is trial date for a full week's cases. Yesterday there was just one speeding case to be heard by Trial Justic Charles F. P. Crawley. That approaches a record, for Trial Justice Court had been getting busier and busier in recent months. And for the month of July, the county Trial Justice Court has had just one dozen speeding cases! A year ago, it was nearly twice that number. The conclusion is bound to be: the drivers are "radar conscious" and are careful to keep speed under 55 miles per hour so as to avoid a summons to appear in court with the "radar evidence" stacked against them.

This newspaper has interviewed many drivers this week, and made notes as to their observations. A traveling salesman who rides up and down Virginia roads declared that he has seen a big difference on Old Dominion highways this month. He said, "People are slowing down and abiding by the speed limits. That radar is a good thing."

But this very fact brought out still another angle. Another person interviewed stated that up until a few days ago, drivers were slowing down. But he added that they failed to see Troopers arresting a lot of people and had come to the conclusion that it might be safe to take a chance and run over the 55 mile speed limit! What they failed to realize was that there had been few arrests not because of lack of checking, but because the general public had simply slowed down and created fewer violations.

Appomattox County has pride in its highway safety record. There were two traffic deaths in this county in 1952. The year 1953 saw one death, a child hit by a car on Route 460. Any hopes of making 1954 a perfect safety year were smashed in January of this year when a man was a victim of a road accident between Concord and Stonewall. But since that January fatality, the slate has been kept clean and Appomattox wants to finish out the year without further traffic fatalities. To do so would give Appomattox County a record of four highway deaths in three years.

At the office of Trial Justice C F. P. Crawley, it was learned that the July dropping off in speeding cases was welcome, for the books indicate that business has been on the upswing for the court.

A summary of cases in Virginia Trial Justice Courts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953, shows that 1,214 cases were heard before Judge Crawley in that period. They were divided into 385 civil cases, and 806 criminal cases, 3 juvenile and domestic relations cases, and 20 lunacy hearings. That is an average of approximately three cases for each of the 365 days in year, a tremendous work load for a judge. Figures are not yet available for the fiscal year just ended, but it is a safe guess that the volume of business before Judge Crawley greatly increased. June is said to have been one of the busiest months he ever had as Trial Justice. And on top of that, he is also the Judge for the Town of Appomattox Court, and that adds a considerable volume, mostly traffic cases, to his work load.

No wonder the Judge is delighted that drivers are slowing down and taking radar seriously. After all, he is more concerned with law observance than with putting you in the hoosegow.

August 6 Set As Local 'Blood Donor Day'

Appomattox "Blood Donor Day" will be held in the Liberty Baptist Church on Friday, August 6, 1954. The Bloodmobile operation is sponsored by the Appomattox Chapter, American Red Cross.

Since the need for blood in civilian hospitals and for defense purposes continues to be great, Appomattox is asked to produce about 100 pints of blood. Appointments to donate should be made with Hubert A. Gurney chairman, or Newton Jennings, or by calling Appomattox Phone 2023.

Mr. Gurney stresses the importance of keeping appointments so that the collection operation can proceed in an orderly and efficient manner.

During the last Bloodmobile visit to Appomattox, 85 pints were collected. The Red Cross Chapter hopes to exceed this total during the visit on August 6.

As usual, the donor station will be staffed by skilled medical, nursing and technical personnel, supplemented by volunteers.

Team to Play Farmville At Park Tonight

The Appomattox Recreation teams will play Farmville here tonight, Thursday, in two games. The first game will start at 7:30 and the second at 8:30. An offering will be taken at the gate.

In the first meeting of the two teams, Appomattox won 12 to 8, in a game played here, and in the second meeting, the small boys team from Appomattox lost 7 to 6 at Farmville, and the older boys won 4 to 2. Both games at Farmville were played under the lights. The games tonight promise fun and excitment.

The summer swimming program will close on Thursday, August 5. It is hoped that by then a portion of the boys and girls will have completed their swimming course. A list of boys and girls passing the Red Cross test will be published in next week's issue of the Times-Virginian.

The summer program will end on Friday, August 6 at the playground. So far this has been the most successful program by attendance since the summer recreation program began here.

Demonstration Club Schedule

Monday, August 2.- The Richwood Home Demonstration Club will hold its annual picnic and recreational meeting at 6:00 P. M. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilbun. All members and families are invited to attend and bring picnic supper.

Tuesday, August 3.- Lee Home Demonstration Club will meet at 10:30 A. M. with Mrs. H. A. Torrence. Demonstration will be making belts. Members bring cover dish for luncheon.

Friday, August 6.- Country Lane Home Demonstration Club will hold its annual picnic and recreational meeting at 6:00 P. M. at the Old Court House Grounds. All members and their families are invited to come and bring picnic supper.

Saturday, August 7.- The Oakville Home Demonstration Club will hold its annual picnic and recreational meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otho Martin, Jr. at 6:00 P. M. All members and their families are invited to attend and to bring picnic supper.

Note: Piney Ridge Home Demonstration Club meeting will be postponed until Friday, August 13.

FOOD SALE THIS SAT.

A Food Sale at the Appomattox Hardware Co. this Saturday morning is being sponsored by the Maude McCain and the Lizzie Cawthon Circle of Liberty Baptist Church.

County Pulpwood Production Is Below Surrounding Area

In 1953 a total of 1,267,347 cords of pulpwood were produced in Virginia. Of this amount, 1,033,601 cords, or 82 per cent, were pine and 233,746 cords, or 18 per cent, were hardwood. Of this latter figure 1,101 cords were chestnut.

Throughout the South, production amounted to 16,127,000 cords, or 61 per cent of the total 1953 receipts of domestic pulpwood at all mills in the United States. This represented an increase in southern production of 10.7 per cent over the 1952 report, and of 14.7 per cent over 1951.

The leading pulpwood state in the South was Georgia, whose production amounted to 2,570,000 cords. Others in order were Mississippi with 1,923,000 cords; Alabama, 1,765,000; Florida, 1,675,000; North Carolina, 1,529,000; South Carolina 1,446,000; Louisiana, 1,376,000; Virginia, 1,267,000; Texas, 1,211,000; Arkansas, 781,009; Tennessee 234,000; and Oklahoma, 41,000.

These figures were based on reports submitted to the Southeastern Forest Experiment Station, Asheville, N. C., by wood procurement officials representing 65 mills located in or drawing wood from the South.

Within Virginia itself, the leading county in pulpwood production was Amherst, with 67,251 cords. It was followed by Bedford, with 66,964 Buckingham, 65,846; Amelia, 50,679; Campbell, 50,348; Pittsylvania 48,549; Prince Edward 46,357; Albemarle, 45,356; Brunswick, 43,982; and Alleghany, with 41,423.

Production in Virginia for 1953 represented an increase of 198,218 cords, or slightly better than 18 per cent, over the 1952 production. However, it was still 58,986 cords, or 4.5 per cent, under the 1951 production of 1,326,000 cords, which represents the high water mark so far for the Old Dominion.

Of more significance is the fact that the hardwood proportion of the total production has been dropping off during the past few years. For the present year it represents only 18.4 per cent of the total whereas in 1952 it was 21.2, in 1951 it was 23.5, and in 1950 it was 23.8 per cent. Once again it emphasizes the fact that pine is the desired species in pulpwood industry in this state.

Pulpwood production for Appomattox County was listed for 1953 in the "under 15,000 cords" group.

Over 100 Boys At Holliday Forestry Camp

More than 100 boys from all sections of Virginia are attending the state forestry camp at Holliday Lake this week. E. E. Rodger, of the Virginia Forest Service is camp director. He is assisted by Richard Carter.

There are classes each day in such important forestry topics as timberland management, tree identification, wood utilization, fire protection, and reforestation. The instructors are Virginia Forest Service staff members and professional foresters associated with wood - using industries. Ten instructors of vocational agriculture are serving as counsellors.

There is a full program of organized recreation. Campers are organized into groups termed, "Popular," "Oak," "Pine," and "Gum." Each group competes with other groups in softball, horseshoes, volleyball, and other sports.

The Holliday Lake Forestry Camp has been held annually since 1946. It is financed by member companies of the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association.

Campers are selected on the basis of their work in farm forestry as members of local FFA, 4-H, FVG and Boy Scout organizations. Bradley L. Babcock is attending from Appomattox County.

CENTENNIAL PLANNED AT OLD CONCORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Old Concord Presbyterian Church at Spout Spring, will have a centennial celebration on Sunday, August 8. Rev. A. S. Gear is pastor of this church.

At the centennial service, Dr. W. Twyman Williams will speak at the 11:00 A. M. service. There will be a picnic lunch on the church grounds and an afternoon service, with a history of the church, and special music. A revival will start at 8:00 P. M. and continue through the week. The public is invited to attend.

Hatcherymen Met Here Tues.

A regional meeting of top turkey hatcherymen from South Carolina, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, and Georgia was held here Tuesday this week. T. M. Trent, of Trent's Hatchery, Appomattox, was responsible for the group meeting at Appomattox. They had breakfast Tuesday with the Trents, and later held their meeting and had luncheon at Maude's Hot Shop. Also present were several Arcady representatives from Chicago. Turkey hatcheries have expanded in the Southeast in recent years. The big Trent Hatchery here is a credit to this community and has grown along with the turkey hatchery business itself.

Softball News

Results of Games Last Week
Western Auto 6, Baptist 2.
Harvey 23, Transco 3.
Sinclair 18, Oakville 14.
Garment Co. 13, Sinclair 3.
Oakville 9, Harvey 8.
Western Auto 13, Jamerson 11.
Wednesday.- Western Auto 4, Transco 2. Jamerson 11, Baptist 5.

STANDINGS

Team	W	L
Western Auto	7	2
Garment Co.	6	2
Oakville	6	2
Baptist	4	4
Harvey	4	5
Sinclair	3	4
Jamerson	3	7
Transco	0	6

Games Next Week
Thursday, July 29.- Harvey vs Baptist, school, 6:15.
Friday, July 30.- Oakville vs Garment Co., park, 7:00.
Transco vs Sinclair, park, 8:30.
Monday, August 2.- Oakville vs Jamerson, park, 7:00. Harvey vs Sinclair, park, 8:30.
Tuesday, August 3.- Baptist vs Garment Co., school, 6:15.
Wed., Aug. 4.- Jamerson vs Transco, school, 6:15. Garment Co. vs W. Auto, park, 6:15.

FHA Group Met Tuesday

A meeting of Farmers Home Administration committeemen of Appomattox and Campbell Counties was held here Tuesday afternoon at the County FMA Office. Wm. J. Leftwich, FHA supervisor for the two counties met with committeemen J. A. Carson, Elliott Marshall and W. E. Inge, of Appomattox, and John N. Inge, Paul D. Bennett and Richard R. Ward, of Campbell. Mr. Marshall was named chairman of the Appomattox committee for this year.

Mr. Leftwich comes to Appomattox each Tuesday, at 10 A. M., and welcomes interviews at the County FMA Office.

ENROLLED AT MARY WASHINGTON

Fredericksburg, Va.- Seven hundred recent graduates of secondary schools have already received notification of their admission this September to Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia. Among them are: Miss Jane Lee Davies, of Fine Creek Mills Miss Alice Pollard Payne, of Prospect, and Miss Patricia Ann Alvis of Appomattox.

Lions Name Committee for Gym Fund

A special committee has been appointed by the Appomattox Lions Club to make recommendations as to expending a fund in the club's treasury earmarked for the gymnasium at Appomattox High School. The special fund was set aside nearly ten years ago, and invested in U. S. Savings Bonds. With work on the new school gymnasium moving toward completion, the club president, J. W. Flood, named a special committee to make a study and submit recommendations on use of the money.

Named as members of this committee were: J. A. Burke, chairman T. DeWitt Evans, C. G. O'Brien, R. A. Sears, C. R. Thomas, C. T. Moses, Jr. and C. H. Robinson.

Legion Sends 5 Delegates To Convention

Delegates from Appomattox Post 104 will attend the American Legion State Convention in Richmond this week-end. The convention will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Delegates from Appomattox are: Ivey Holland, chairman of the delegation; C. K. Hunter, Tom Harvey, C. T. Moses Jr. and Richard D. Robinson. Alternates are Dr. Carl A. Collins, Jr. and J. F. MacKenzie.

Legionnaires, their ladies and guests gathered at the American Legion Home here Monday evening for a picnic dinner, to witness installation of officers of Post 104, and to hear an address by the Rev. Roland Wagner, of Norfolk.

District Commander Ivey Holland installed the following officers:

Commander, R. D. Robinson.

First vice-commander, Dr. D. A Christian, III.

Second vice-commander, Eames A Powers.

Adjutant, W. D. Morris.

Service officer, John Taylor.

Chaplain, Dr. C. A. Collins, Jr.

Sgt.-at-arms, Emile Bruce.

Speaking on the theme of "Americanism," the Rev. Wagner divided the word "American into three parts: Am—er—ican. Basing his address on these divisions, he declared that American democracy is in being, something that is, and must be preserved. The "er" was stated to denote the "er" or stutter of those citizens who hesitate and can not come to terms with the reality of Americanism. The "I-can" portion of the word was designated as a challenge to achievement. Rev. Wagner interspersed his address with many witticisms and humorous storis, and his talk received a fine round of applause.

NASH REUNION SET FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

On August 1, the annual reunion of members, relatives and friends of the family of the late Allen Cecil and Ella Cheatham Nash will be held at Miller Park, Lynchburg. Each family is asked to bring a picnic lunch.

Local Girl Won Honor at Camp

Miss Alice Ashworth, Y. W. A. of Liberty Baptist Church, won the State Declamation Contest at the state-wide Baptist Camp which was held at the Baptist Lodge, Virginia Beach last week. There were eight contestants from various parts of the state entered in this contest. The topic for all contestants was: "Stewardship of Time." As a result of her having won this distinction, she will be given a free trip and week at Ridgecrest Y. W. A. camp in North Carolina next summer. This contest is sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia.

Miss Mary Ward Stanley attended this camp with Miss Ashworth.

THE BLOODMOBILE IS COMING...

MAKE A DATE TO GIVE